## RESOLUTION No. 12-386

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Ms. Lettye A. Boyd, will be honored with the "Alumna of the Year" award during the Eleventh Annual Leadership Awards Program sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on June 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Lettye A. Boyd, a native of Auburn, Alabama, is the daughter of Lois D. Boyd and the late J. D. Boyd. She graduated from Lee County Training School in 1957, and attended historic Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee from 1957-58. In 1961, she received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education and Music from Alabama A&M University. She pursued additional studies at Alabama A&M University, Grove City College, Virginia State University and Jackson State University; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd's 33-year professional career included: working with student teachers, taught second grade and music, 1961; Cherry Street Elementary School, Decatur, Alabama, taught second grade and music, 1961-63; Laney Elementary School, Waverly Hall, Georgia, taught music and other subjects, 1963-1970; Councill Senior High School, formerly Councill Training School, Normal, Alabama, taught music and other subjects; taught four summers for Madison County Head Start Program, Madison County Schools as teacher of music and other subjects; and in 1970-93, taught at Madison Cross Roads School in Toney, Alabama, establishing the school's first organized music program; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd's numerous other skills and interests are exemplified by her service as Choral Director, 1978-80, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama; Minister of Music, 1980-2000, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville; Director in 1988 for Alabama A&M University Alumni Choir, Normal, Alabama; Choral Director, 2000-Present, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville; and Office Manager/Bookkeeper, 1993-2011, Rocket City Charter Service, Harvest, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, she is affiliated with several professional, community and civic organizations, among them the Alabama Education Association, Alabama State Teacher's Association, Madison County Teacher's Association, Georgia Teacher's Association, First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville Christian Service Singers, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she organized the Chapter's First Choral Ensemble; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd's honors and awards received for her choral performances, music education and other contributions to music are legendary.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Ms. Lettye A. Boyd, 2012 "Alumna of the Year" Honoree, and extend best wishes to her and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** on this the  $24^{th}$  day of May, 2012

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama